The King of *France*'s Letter

TO THE

Cardinal *de NOAILLES*,

Archbishop of *PARIS*.

A Sham thing by ye Whigs. 3. Jan. 17 11/12

Cozen and Councellor We greet you well,

THIS will let you know, that we have receiv'd the agreeable News of the Surrender and Demolishing of the strong important Fortress of *Marlborough*, hitherto thought Impregnable, being so well fortified both by Nature and Art; and which for ten Years together has baffled our utmost Efforts, and since immense Sums profer'd could never corrupt the Honesty, numerous Armies terrifie the Bravery, the Conduct of our most experienc'd Generals never surprize the Vigilance of the Governour; therefore We have been forc'd to pursue other Measures, and at length have had the Comfort of seeing the Disappointment of such as delight in War.

'Tis notorious to all the World how conformable it is to Our innate Goodness and Modesty, not to assume to our Selves the glory due to others, wherefore We must with all Justice acknowledge this great Success to be owing, next under God, to Our Trusty and Well-beloved Councellors the President *d' Harley*, Marshal *d' Harcourt*, and Count *d' St. Johns*. But as theirs is the Praise, so will the Benefit and Advantage accrue to Us and Our People. For this Reason We command you to cause *TE DEUM* to be sung in our Metropolitan Church of *Notredame* in Our good City of *Paris*, the Sixteenth Day of this present *January*: And so We bid you hearty Farewell.

Given at Our Court at Versailes *the Twelfth of* January, 1712.

LOUIS.

Under-sign'd TORCY.

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